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Subject: Fw: Concerned Citizens Letter for Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO - Wednesday 10/07/2015 08:11 AM

Sent Cytasha Campa/BOS/COSLO

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CC CITIZENS <concernedcitizens4avila@yahoo.com> From:

To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us, 10/07/2015 08:10 AM Date:

Subject: Concerned Citizens Letter for Board of Supervisors

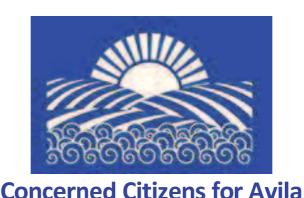
Attached is a letter from Concerned Citizens for Avila for the Board of

Supervisors.

This letter is regarding the agenda item for the October 13 Board of Supervisor Meeting.



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October 5, 2015

**Board of Supervisors** 

boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us

SUBJECT: OCTOBER 13 PUBLIC HEARING

WORK PROGRAM FOR DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & BUILDING

**UPDATE FOR AVILA PLAN** 

Dear Chairperson Arnold and Members of the Board:

Guidance about future development for Avila is not provided by the existing General Plan. Concerned Citizens for Avila request that the work program for Planning include updating the outdated General Plan pertaining to Avila. The update process is understood to involve community input for visioning Avila in the future.

Avila's scenic coastal resources, small town charm and valley ambiance make it a favored destination for residents countywide, plus a popular destination for visitors. An updated plan for Avila should address maintaining access to Avila's coastal resources for the common person, in addition to accommodating overnight visitors and event attendees.

Avila has a constrained narrow winding access and one-way in and out. This combines with a nuclear facility, high fire hazard, earthquake faults and tsunami potential. The outdated General Plan for Avila contains no mention of the Diablo facility and also anticipates that the main access for Avila will be adequate until 1995.

Instead of the General Plan being updated in 1995, it was amended to require evaluation of Avila traffic on a second weekday in May. Actual traffic for nearly half of the week and half the year is grossly under-represented. Unsafe conditions have resulted. "Traffic count Tuesday", which is peculiar to Avila, also appears to be unique nationwide.

Water supplies are inadequate in that drought conditions are being recognized as usual. The Avila Beach Community Services District draws from Lopez which has a depleting supply, and Avila Valley purveyors draw from the basin associated with creek underflow which has no estimated safe yield. Long-term sustainable water sources for Avila need to be addressed in an updated General Plan.

In that the purpose of planning is to provide for the public safety, health and welfare, the General Plan should be updated before consideration of any of the proposed mega-projects for tiny Avila.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ann Feeser, Coordinator



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Subject: Fw: Please Update the Avila General Plan

Board of Supervisors/BOS/COSLO - Wednesday 10/07/2015 08:45 AM

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Victoria Morrow < vicki.p.morrow@gmail.com> From:

boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us, To: Date: 10/07/2015 05:36 AM

Please Update the Avila General Plan Subject:

Dear Chairperson Arnold and Members of the Board:

As a five year resident of Avila Beach, I am writing to urge the Board to update the Avila General Plan.

I concur with the message sent to you by the Concerned Citizens for Avila and repeat it here.

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for Avila request that the work program for Planning include updating the outdated General Plan pertaining to Avila.

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be updated before consideration of any of the proposed mega-projects for tiny Avila.

Thank you for your consideration,

Concerned Citizens for Avila"

Thanks for taking up this important issue.

Victoria P. Morrow

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Subject: Fw: concerned citizen of Avila

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From: Sandy Fredericks <slfredericks@charter.net>

To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us,
Date: 10/07/2015 08:14 AM
Subject: concerned citizen of Avila

## Dear Board of Supervisors,

The outdated 1980's plan for Avila does not provide guidance regarding future development. An update process, which would involve community input about the future of Avila, is overdue.

Avila's one-way in and out by a narrow winding road adds to its unique hazards of a nuclear facility in combination with high fire hazard, earthquake faults and tsunami potential. Safety is a dominant concern, along with lack of demonstrated adequate water supplies.

A requirement in the existing plan for Avila is evaluation of traffic for new development on a second weekday in May. The requirement is peculiar to Avila and also appears to be unique nationwide. Continuing to evaluate traffic by underestimating real impacts could facilitate the mega-developments proposed for the golf course and the Chevron property overlooking Avila Beach, plus a mammoth development for Wild Cherry Canyon adjoining Diablo Canyon.

In that the purpose of planning is to provide for the public safety, health and welfare, the General Plan should be updated before consideration of any of the proposed mega-projects for tiny Avila.

Thank you for your consideration, Sandy Fredericks Avila Beach



Fw: Letter for Item 5 - Planning Priorities on 10-13 Agenda Board of Supervisors to: BOS\_Legislative Assistants,

cr\_board\_clerk Clerk Recorder

10/07/2015 11:15 AM

Sent by: Cytasha Campa

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From: James Lopes <jameslopes@charter.net>

boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us, To:

Sherri Danoff <sherri39@charter.net> Cc:

10/07/2015 10:54 AM Date:

Subject: Letter for Item 5 - Planning Priorities on 10-13 Agenda

Ηi,

Would you please print and distribute the attached letter to the Board of Supervisors, concerning item 5 on the 10-13 Agenda? Please let me know when completed. Thanks.

Regards, Jamie Lopes

James Lopes

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Item No. 5 Meeting Date: October 13, 2015 Presented by: James Lopes

Rec'd prior to meeting & posted to web on: October 8, 2015

## Protect Scenic 101



nobillboards@gmail.com

October 5, 2015

Board of Supervisors County of San Luis Obispo San Luis Obispo, California 93408



Subject: October 13, 2015 Agenda Item
Planning and Building Department Work Program:
Proposal for a State Scenic Highway 101 Designation

Dear Chairperson Arnold and Board Members:

Protect Scenic 101 (PS101) is requesting that your Board include a staff project in the 2016 work program for the Planning and Building Department to apply for a State Scenic Highway designation for Highway 101, between the Cities of Atascadero and Pismo Beach. With the designation, this segment of Highway 101 will be identified on countless tourist maps and with "poppy" signs along the highway as a beautiful viewing opportunity.

The relatively small staff expense of preparing such an application with Cal Trans will reap economic benefits for tourism and business in the county. When Sunny McPeak visited here as State Secretary for Business, Transportation and Housing, she encouraged protection of our natural beauty as a powerful draw for business relocation and development.

The year 2016 will mark the sixth year since the County adopted the Conservation and Open Space Element (COSE), which includes a chapter on Scenic Resources. This chapter recognizes that scenic landscapes are highly valued by residents and visitors, and they are part of the sense of place which identifies this area. It recognizes that, "A high quality visual environment and scenic views contribute to economic growth (page 9.1)." It encourages the designation of Highway 101 as a scenic corridor, upon the basis of a Scenic Corridor Study (Policy VR 4.1). Its time frame for implementing the scenic corridor policies started in 2012, with a medium priority, which will soon be three years overdue.

The Atascadero – Pismo Beach segment of Highway 101 is a visually rewarding landscape, from the spectacular views of the Santa Margarita Ranch, the Santa Lucia ridge and Cuesta Grade to the rough-cut forested hillsides, canyons and creeks south of San Luis Obispo. The rural parts of Highway 101 have great value for their undeveloped qualities as population growth increases across San Luis Obispo County:

- They remind us of our current and historic ranching and farming communities.
- The natural habitats are a welcome sight for travelers from urban metropolitan areas.
- The spaces between communities provide aesthetic relief for local residents as well.

Areas of scenic quality along Highway 101 have been assessed and mapped by the County of San Luis Obispo in preparing the adopted Highway Corridor Design Standards. Within these scenic areas, the standards guide the most suitable designs of grading and residences. The Planning and Building Department staff will be able to easily assemble and deliver these and other policies to the California Department of Transportation as part of the application and the required Scenic Protection Program for the designation.

The most consistent intrusions on these rural landscapes are large billboards, which were built intentionally in the most scenic spots years ago. Between Atascadero and Pismo Beach is a particularly high concentration of billboards, nearly 50. These signs interrupt the traveler's experience of our county's major scenic assets, yet they most often advertise products which are not related to travelers' needs. Travelers function well without billboards in the other three Central Coast counties, two of which have eliminated all billboards and in the third the majority have been eliminated.

Policies of the County of San Luis Obispo support the reduction in billboards and increased protection of scenic quality along Highway 101. A State Scenic Highway 101 designation will increase the County's control over the resolution of damaged or destroyed billboards, according the State Business and Professions Code. Also, eligibility for any renewed transportation funding for billboard removal necessitates a Scenic Highway designation.

Members of PS101 encourage the Board of Supervisors and their officials to see this request as an historic opportunity to engage the public and economic sectors in the county to support the designation, and highlight this wonderful scenic resource worldwide.

Sincerely,

s/ Sherri Danoff, Coordinator

s/ James Lopes, Member

C: Dan Buckshi, County Administrative Officer James Bergman, Director, Planning and Building Department PS101 Steering Committee



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From: murray2466@aol.com
To: boardofsups@co.slo.ca.us,
Date: 10/07/2015 11:20 AM
Subject: Avila development projects

## To the Board of Supervisors:

The projects proposed for Avila Beach and it's nearby surrounding area are far too huge and would create extreme problems and very real dangers

for both the residents, workers, and visitors to the area. It's especially alarming that they're even being considered given the very limited access roads in

and out of the area and the extreme dangers inherent with the Diablo plant and earthquakes hazard potential. Not to mention water resources and

environmental impact. Then of course fire evacuation. The traffic impact count also needs to be adjusted to reality—summer weekends, which are

already causing gridlock for tourists and residents. Thank you for your time, Cynthia Javitz

Item No. 5
Meeting Date: October 13, 2015
Presented by: Cynthia Javitz

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